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## BIRTH.

On the 21st inst., at No. 20, The Peak, to Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST T. WILLIAMS, a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

On December 18, 1912, at Shanghai, Lieutenant RUPERT EGBERTON LUBBOCK, R.N., youngest son of the late Henry J. Lubbock and of Mrs. late Henry J. Lubbock, London, to Vera Isabel, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. WINGROVE, of Shanghai.  
On December 18, at Shanghai, H. St. John WILKING, to Marie E. Kienne.

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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 23RD, 1912.

In their zeal to make all things new and to root out all vestiges of outworn traditions, ardent reformers often become guilty of regrettable excesses, and this seems to be proving true of the enlightened leaders of the Republic of China. However much we may sympathise with their desire to be rid of all that reminds them of the recent history of their land, we cannot but think that they are making a grievous mistake in their iconoclastic effort to blot out the past in toto, and in overlooking the fact that there are many phases in the history of their country that would be a glory and an inspiration to any land. That they should want to eradicate everything connected with the Manchu rule is intelligible, but some appear to want to do away with everything that happened to exist in the days of the Manchu Emperors, irrespective of its origin. This is well illustrated by the proposal to secularize the majestic "Temple Heaven" by converting it into a school library. Schools of forestry may be necessary in China, though we doubt whether they will prove an efficient agent for the re-afforestation of the denuded hillsides. Be that as it may, why of all others should this sacred spot, the centre of all that is purest and noblest in Chinese religion and thought, be devoted to the purpose? Chinese critics will doubtless

object that such a question comes ill from those who converted the sacred enclosure into a cavalry barracks in 1900, but we can at least plead necessity for our action, whereas the present proposed secularization can be described as nothing but considered vandalism. Even if the Oriental prototypes of JEAN JACQUES ROUSSEAU cannot permit sacrifices and prayers to Heaven, or if the PRESIDENT of the Republic cannot stand there, a lone man, as the representative of the people in the way that the Emperors did, we can still see no reason why the whole should not be preserved intact as a monument to the antiquity of China, and as a relic of the days of her former grandeur when countries as remote from Peking as Burma were laid under tribute for its materials. To pass from great things to smaller, though none the less significant, the passing of the dragon emblem is a loss that will mean a great deal to Chinese art and decoration, unless, as seems not improbable, it finally survives and remains irrevocably associated with China. Although the Manchu Emperors sat on the dragon throne, wore dragon robes, and finally "mounted the dragon to become guests on high," the fabulous creature was not by any means a Manchu importation, but has played an important part in China from the earliest times and has formed the motif of some of her finest specimens of art. The ruthless extermination of the past that we have noticed in these two instances may be traced in many other matters—a notable example is the attempt, a few months ago, to abolish the celebration of Confucian anniversaries—and in all there is the same danger to be feared. One of the most precious assets any country can be endowed with is a well storied past, a past rich in the histories of great and noble men. No country is saved or becomes great by its laws or commerce or military prowess alone; there must be behind all these a true national spirit and a feeling of pride in one's country, and this applies with especial force to a State made up of heterogeneous elements, as China is. A lot is said about patriotism in China nowadays, but it is mostly patriotism of the very effervescent sort, differing widely from the spirit that animated the legionaries of ancient Rome or the conscripts of modern Japan. Such a sentiment can be founded only on a belief in the real nobility and high standing of one's country, and for that there is no better foundation than an ever constant realization of the glorious deeds that have been accomplished by one's country in the past, of the heroes in thought and action that she has produced, and of the many vicissitudes through which she has passed and yet emerged safe in the end. In all these materials China is rich: in almost every corner of her domain there will be found monuments attesting the fact that centuries ago these lands were already under her rule; in every province will be found temples dedicated to the memory of some great man—from the Emperors YAO and SHUN down to TAIKING KUO-FAN and TAIKING-TANG—who devoted his life to the service of his country and whom accordingly his country has delighted to honour. These should be regarded as a priceless heritage, and might be made the means of developing patriotism in its highest form when they are being used, as many of them are, as schools, if only their traditions and associations were insisted upon and treasured. In neglecting the glorious traditions of her past, China is sacrificing much to modern utilitarianism, but it may be that, when the first flush of reforming zeal has subsided, she may realize that nations, as men, do not live by bread alone.

The Rev. T. W. Pearce will speak at the meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union at St. Paul's College this afternoon at 5.30.

The dead body of a young Chinese male child was found on the foreshore at Tai-kok-sai. Death was apparently due to natural causes.

It is stated that five Japanese were arrested on Saturday afternoon in possession of a trunk, alleged to be full of forged Chinese banknotes, the value of which is unknown.

As some coolies were wheeling a truck at Yau-mati one of them tripped and fell beneath the wheels of the truck, which passed over his legs and inflicted injuries that necessitated his removal to the hospital.

We are informed that the Union Church Committee have received advice that the Rev. Mr. J. Kirk Macdonald has accepted the pastorate of Union Church, Hongkong. The reverend gentleman, who has been for 30 years a Congregational Minister in the Manchester district, will leave England in February, entering upon pastoral duties here on March next.

## THE RECENT WHISKY ACTION.

His Honour the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gompertz, has notified the parties of his decision in the action taken by Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Alexandra Buildings, against the Wing On to recover \$975, the price of fifty cases of Watson's "E" whisky delivered. The evidence given in the case, which was heard on the 13th November, was to the effect that the whisky was ordered by a man whom the plaintiff company thought was in the service of the defendants as buyer, whereas in reality he had been dismissed a few days previous to his giving the order which was the subject of the claim.

His Lordship non-suited the plaintiffs, with costs.

## EXTENSIVE THEFTS OF COTTON.

An elderly woman and two girls were brought before Mr. Hazland at the Magistracy on Saturday, and charged with stealing a quantity of cotton yarn valued at \$14, the property of the Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company.

The woman admitted the theft, but the two girls pleaded not guilty.

P.S. Gerrard said that the company had lost about 20 bales of cotton within the last month or so. As there were many houses where spinning was done in Wanchai, the thieves had no difficulty in disposing of the cotton. In this case the old woman was in the habit of taking food to the girls in a basket. Whilst the girls went out to eat, she put the cotton into her basket, taking small quantities at a time. Although the girls were not so culpable as the woman, he thought they had guilty knowledge.

His Worship said in view of fact that a great deal of stealing had been going on, he would have done otherwise, and hoped that it would act as a deterrent. He sentenced the old woman to two months' hard labour, and discharged the younger defendants. He suggested that notices of the conviction should be posted in the mills.

## "AN IDEAL HUSBAND."

This great play from the pen of Oscar Wilde was repeated for the third time at the Theatre Royal on Saturday evening by talented local amateurs. There was again a crowded audience, practically every available seat being utilised, and the play, presented with the object of assisting local charities, was evidently a financial success. The performers again acquitted themselves with distinction, though owing to the belated return of a section of the audience to their seats after the first interval, there was a hitch in the second act. The ladies in the casts were the recipients of many bouquets.

## RETURN OF THE ALLAN WILKIE COMPANY.

It will be seen from an announcement in our advertisement columns that Mr. Allan Wilkie and his full London Company, including Miss Hunter-Watts, are returning here early next month. The Company appear to have had a very successful tour in Japan. They will occupy the Theatre Royal for ten nights, beginning on Tuesday, January 7th. The list of famous plays the talented company intend to produce during their stay is an exceedingly attractive one. The booking is at Moutrie's.

## FIELD OPERATIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORY.

Garrison Orders state that field operations will take place in the neighbourhood of Fanling on Monday, December 30th. The undermentioned troops will take part in the Field Operations:—

Red Force.—Officer Commanding, Lieut.-Colonel A. G. Marable, 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I.; Troops, 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I.; Hongkong Volunteer Corps, as available.

Blue Force.—Officer Commanding, Major G. W. Robinson, 25th Punjab; Troops, 8th Rajputs, 25th Punjab.

Umpires are allotted as under:—Red Force, Major R. S. Paul, 128th Baluchistan Infantry. (Attached to 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I.) Captain C. R. L. Fitzgerald, Baluchistan Infantry. (Attached to 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I.) Blue Force:—Major T. F. R. Thompson, 26th Punjab. (Attached to 25th Punjab); Captain E. A. Maude, 26th Punjab. (Attached to 25th Punjab); Captain P. D. Saxton, 26th Punjab. (Attached to 8th Rajputs); Capt. G. H. Russell, 128th Baluchistan Infantry. (Attached to 8th Rajputs).

The senior umpire on either side will allot duties to umpires as required. Umpires should sleep in camp on the night of December 29th-30th. General and Special Ideas will be issued to all concerned. The Red Force will not wear any distinguishing mark. The Blue Force will wear blue patches.

Any persons desirous of seeing the field firing on December 28th, or the field operations on December 30th, should leave Kowloon by the 8.15 a.m. train on those days.

## TELEGRAMS. TELEGRAMS. TELEGRAMS.

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## THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

**THE "PEACE OF LONDON."**  
The luncheon given by the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House to the Peace Delegates was attended by a brilliant assemblage.

Mr. Asquith, in the course of a speech, emphasised that he was not ashamed to call himself an optimist, and to declare that the "Peace of London" in time would come to be considered one of the proudest leaves in London's laurel crown.

The various Delegates made complimentary speeches, in which they expressed themselves as hopeful of the success of the mission.

His Majesty received the Peace Delegates at Buckingham Palace on Saturday and conversed with them for half an hour.

## ALBANIAN AUTONOMY SETTLED.

It is officially announced that the conference of Ambassadors has recommended to the Governments of the Great Powers the granting of autonomy to Albania with provisions guaranteeing Serbia commercial access to the Adriatic; and that the Governments have agreed in principle to both points.

A message from Vienna states that much satisfaction is expressed at the decision of the Conference of Ambassadors, which is regarded as endorsing Austria's standpoint.

## THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

The Peace Conference adjourned on Saturday night after two hours' sitting. The questions of the Greek armistice and the re-victualling of Adrianople were discussed. They will be discussed again when the Conference resumes on Monday afternoon.

An official account of the Peace Conference states that the Turks asked for the re-victualling of Adrianople as a condition of negotiating with Greece. The Allies considered that the question had already been settled by the armistice, and therefore outside the scope of the Conference. The Turks replied that they must therefore refer the matter to Constantinople.

Reuter learns that the Turks asked for the re-victualling of the besieged towns in the interests of humanity.

## FRENCH PREMIER'S IMPORTANT SPEECH.

M. Poincare, the French Premier, in a speech in the Chamber of Deputies, dwelt on the closeness of the agreement and the entente between the Powers on the Balkan trouble. He praised the initiative of Great Britain in arranging the Conference of Ambassadors which had succeeded in eliminating one of the principal causes of European discord. He believed that Serbia would adopt the point of view of the Ambassadors. He understood that the autonomy of Albania would be constituted under the suzerainty of the Sultan and controlled by all the Powers. A port for Serbia which would be free and neutral would be served by an international railway also controlled by Europe with free transit for all goods including war stores, etc. There remained the delicate questions of the limits of Albania and many others, the solution of which depended on the result of the negotiations between the belligerents, of which it was impossible to forecast the issue. If unhappily a rupture occurred Europe could not remain impassive. France was devoted to peace and was resolved to work for peace, but she was determined to defend unhesitatingly the interests and rights and maintain the great traditions of France, safeguarding above all the sacred national honour. (Cheers.)

The Socialist, M. Vaillant, said that the result of war would be a communistic rising in France.

M. Deschanel retorted that in the event of a European war all France would do her duty.

M. Poincare, speaking in the Senate, said that the Balkans for the Balkan peoples was an equitable solution affording the surest guarantee of permanence when peace was signed that it would rest on solid bases. Turkey would retain a considerable empire and would act wisely

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in listening to the wishes of the subject populations. France was determined to ensure respect to her interests in Lebanon and Syria. There was no foundation for the insinuation that Anglo-French discord had arisen on the subject. Great Britain had assured them that she had no political aspirations in these regions, and France was determined to maintain the integrity of the Ottoman Empire in Asia.

## SERVIAN APOLOGIES.

Reuter's correspondent at Vienna telegraphs that the Serbian Premier called on the Austrian Minister at Belgrade and expressed the regret of the Government at the blunders of the individual military officers in the affair of M. Prochaska, the Austrian Consul at Przibrend.

## PEACE ADVANCED.

M. Poincare's speech is regarded as evidence of the amelioration in the general European situation while indicating the possibility of mediation led by France in the event of a rupture in the Peace Conference.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris telegraphs that it is semi-officially announced that the cause of peace has made great strides within the last forty-eight hours, Austria having decided to come into line with the other Powers in urging moderation towards Turkey.

The Delegates of the Allies yesterday plainly intimated to the Turks that the delays must end, but optimism prevailed when the Conference adjourned.

## BULGARIAN PREPARATIONS.

Reuter's correspondent at Sofia wires that in the Sorbanje the Minister of Finance in requesting a three months' vote on account said that thanks to the favourable placing of Treasury bonds abroad the army was well supplied with arms and ammunition and able to continue the war for six months.

Tsar Ferdinand in an army order praises the troops for their memorable exploits and exhorts them to profit by the respite and prepare for fresh efforts.

## TURKISH ARMY SURRENDERS.

A message from Athens states that the Turkish army at Mitylene surrendered. The Greeks in Epirus have captured Gorizia after forcing the fortified passes.

## SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICS.

LONDON, December 22nd.  
The Right Hon. Louis Botha has reconstituted the Cabinet, which includes Hon. J. C. Smuts and the Right Hon. A. Fischer. The Hon. J. M. B. Hertzog is not included in the new Cabinet.

The Premier in a communicative denounces the recent speeches of Mr. Hertzog suggesting that the Empire was only good so long as it was useful to South Africa. He declares that the South African nation can fully develop local patriotism as a national instinct within the Empire from which it derives its free constitution.

## UNIONISTS AND THE TARIFF POLICY.

LONDON, December 21st.  
Mr. F. E. Smith, speaking at Dudley, said that he and his colleagues on the Front Opposition Bench unanimously endorsed the tariff policy of Mr. Bonar Law, who never said that the decision on the question of the food taxes would be left to the Colonies. He never proposed to abdicate the responsibility which the Home Government always owed to the people. Mr. Bonar Law pointed out that it would be impossible for any Government to introduce Imperial Preference proposals without protracted consultation with the representatives of the Colonies, in order that they should tell us authoritatively what they consider vital in the carrying out of the policy. Mr. Smith urged any dissentient Unionists to await developments and not divide the Party in a time of crisis.

## BRITISH DESTROYER ASHORE.

LONDON, December 22nd.  
The British torpedo boat destroyer *Beaver* went ashore at Haishore (1). She has 200 on board. It is hoped that she will be refloated at the next tide.

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## BRITISH NAVAL APPOINTMENTS.

LONDON, December 20th.

Upon a motion to adjourn the House of Commons in order that the Bridgeman affair might be discussed, Lord Charles Beresford said that Vice-Admiral Bridgeman had been notoriously unfriendly to him and objected to him (Lord Charles Beresford) being an Admiral of the Fleet. He (the speaker) took up the case because a most anxious feeling prevailed in the Fleet regarding Mr. Churchill's methods, he having already dismissed four Sea Lords. He asked whether Vice-Admiral Bridgeman was offered the Cross of the Order of the Bath or elevation as Admiral of the Fleet if he kept silent on Mr. Churchill's policy, which was one of bribes and threats, while he assumed both executive and administrative functions and even took charge during the manoeuvres.

Mr. Churchill replied with some heat. He said Lord Charles Beresford had made a number of most gross insinuations, hoping to disquiet the public mind. He reiterated that Vice-Admiral Bridgeman's resignation was due to health alone, and said he knew of no differences on expert matters apart from the ordinary discussions between his colleagues. He had no recollection of his threatening to resign, and repeated that Vice-Admiral Bridgeman, with the highest zeal, exhausted himself in his duties. He wrote to his colleagues on November 25th saying he was depressed about his health after two attacks of bronchitis in two months on top of appendicitis. Mr. Churchill added that he felt that he would not be doing his duty to keep Vice-Admiral Bridgeman at the helm in these serious times, and he was satisfied that he had consulted the highest interests of the Navy and only done his duty.

Mr. Bonar Law said he understood that Vice-Admiral Bridgeman quite recently threatened to resign if Mr. Churchill insisted on carrying out his views.

Mr. Churchill replied—He never made such a statement to me.

## AUDIENCE WITH THE KING.

Vice-Admiral Bridgeman had an audience with the King at Buckingham Palace on his retirement. It was prolonged for over an hour. Such interviews are only for a quarter of an hour.

## AN APPOINTMENT.

Admiral Troubridge has been appointed to command the Mediterranean cruiser squadron.

## THE DEAD AMERICAN AMBASSADOR.

LONDON, December 21st.

An impressive memorial service to the late Mr. Whitelaw Reid, U.S. Ambassador, was held in Westminster Abbey. On the coffin were wreaths sent by Their Majesties the King and Queen.

The congregation was composed of a most distinguished assembly, including members of the Cabinet, members of the House of Lords and of the House of Commons.

Prince Arthur of Connaught represented the King.

The body of the dead Minister was removed with full military honours. It was enveloped with the United States flag and then placed on a gun carriage, the escort being composed of cavalry and infantry and a band of pipers. Many Americans were present. Crowds watched the progress of the cortege from the Embassy to Victoria Station and respectfully saluted it. The coffin was placed on board the cruiser *Natal*. Naval honours were accorded the dead Ambassador, minute guns being fired from H.M.S. *Victory*, while the shipping had their flags half-masted.

## AFRICAN EXPLORATION.

LONDON, December 22nd.

Lieutenant G. G. G. has telegraphed to Berlin from Sakania, in Belgian Congo, that it has been proved that Chambezi, in Northern Rhodesia, is the source of the Congo.



## TELEGRAMS.

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## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT HOME.

London, December 22nd.

Christmas shopping is proceeding with the utmost vigour and animation. There is every sign of great trade prosperity, record shipments of presents to the overseas Dominions have taken place, and the Post Office estimates that 1,000,000 more Xmas letters have been sent to various parts of the Empire than in 1911.

## PROJECTED AERIAL EXPEDITION.

London, December 21st.

Lieutenant Graetz announces his intention of organising an Anglo-German airship expedition to explore New Guinea.

## THAMES IRONWORKS CLOSED.

London, December 22nd.

The Official Receiver has notified the closing of the Thames Iron Works on Saturday.

The closing of the Ironworks will likely cause much unemployment in the East End. The Chairman, Mr. Arnold Hills, however, told the men to cheer up. He was confident there was a Happy New Year yet in store for them.

## THE BRITISH INSURANCE ACT.

London, December 22nd.

The Representative Council of the British Medical Association after a protracted discussion has rejected the Government's final terms under the Insurance Act, and decided to establish an alternative system of industrial practice.

## BRITISH AND GERMAN SHIPPING DISPUTE.

London, December 22nd.

A deadlock has arisen between the British and German lines regarding the South African Shipping Agreement over the trade with East Africa, where the Germans consider that their own interests should be specially protected. Failing this, they intimate that they cannot see their way to renew the agreement with British lines trading with South Africa expiring on the 31st March next.

## THE TANJONG PAGAR CASE.

London, December 22nd.

After a trial lasting forty-two days in the Chancery Court before Mr. Justice Parker in the case of Sir John Airds, Limited, against the Tanjong Pagar Dock Board, the Judge has announced the findings of fact at which he had arrived regarding the charges of fraud, and reserved his judgment regarding the other facts and the law applicable to them. Mr. Justice Parker took this course because he understood that the matter would have been long since settled but for the charges of fraud. He appreciated the difficulty of compromising an action in which fraud had been alleged. Mr. Justice Parker found that there had been untrue representation, but this was due to gross carelessness and inaccuracy. None of the persons concerned had any intention or desire to deceive or knowingly made any mis-statement or dishonestly concealed or suppressed material facts.

The action is estimated to have cost £7 per minute.

The special correspondent of the *Strait Times* telegraphing from London on the 18th inst. said:—

The case for the defence in the action of Sir John Airds, Limited, against the Tanjong Pagar Dock Board having been closed.

Mr. Justice Parker said he was tired out by the numerous repetitions of evidence. He announced that his finding would be against the allegations of intentional deception by anyone. At the same time, Warren had been grossly careless by inaccuracies both of language and of thought.

His Lordship intended to give judgment regarding the question of fraud, reserving other questions. He was doing this because he had the strongest feeling that the case should have been settled earlier.

His Lordship also said he had no doubt the case would go to the House of Lords. He intimated this advisedly in order that counsel might consult the Board.

Chinese newspapers state that General Li Yuan-hung will be Peking at the end of this year to confer with President Yuan Shih-kai on the Mongolian question.

## RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

His Excellency the Governor had some interesting remarks last week on the subject of education. It was rather startling to have him declare, as he did on Friday, that education was not properly supervised by the Government in Hongkong, and that the Government was not aware of what was being taught in many schools. What does this statement foreshadow? More school inspectors, or an augmented staff for the Director of Education. At any rate, there should be adequate supervision of the education of the young people.

A note was struck by His Excellency in his speech at the Victoria British School on Thursday that should produce responsive vibrations. He suggested that the Government looked more after the education of the children of other than British races, and expressed the belief that they should do more for their own. Probably he has not forgotten the speech which was made by Mr. Jack at the Engineers' Institute three or four weeks ago when he pointed out the grievances of British parents who wished an adequate elementary education for their children. In the course of his remarks His Excellency said that he thought it was their duty to extend to the children of English parents every facility for educating their children in the Colony, but when he includes the children of Scottish, Welsh, Irish and Colonial parents he will probably find the subject more important still.

The tramway boycott continues to be the most fruitful subject of conversation, and certainly not without reason, as it indicates a state of affairs which is disquieting. No body of Chinese can be allowed to dictate to any legal enterprise how it should be conducted, and we await somewhat impatiently the decision of the Government to issue the proclamation that the greater part of the Chinese residential locality is a boycott area.

There can be no doubt that the organisation behind this boycott movement is a very strong one. The fact that it can ensure so universal obedience to its commands proves that, and nothing could afford a more striking demonstration of its power than the manner in which the Russian aviator was boycotted. The matter was kept a secret. Nobody suspected that there was anything unusual happening, until it was seen that the special trains provided by the Railway authorities were going out to Shatin with not a single Chinese on board. The word boycott was not even mentioned. But the boycott was the most complete that has ever been witnessed in this Colony.

It is all very well for some Chinese to argue that you cannot make people ride on the trams if they do not wish to do so, but the point is that a community which has been accustomed to patronise this modern means of conveyance does not suddenly cease to use the trams for such a reason as the decision of the Tramway Company to accept only Hongkong money. No, the people who rode on the trams are being prevented from using them, and the sooner this reign of terror is ended the better for the unfortunate Chinese themselves and the better for the whole Colony. The Government has attempted persuasive methods without success. The kid glove, dilettante policy should now cease, and rigorous methods such as admit of no misunderstanding applied.

The announcement that a wireless telegraphic installation would soon be erected in Hongkong must have been received with considerable satisfaction by the commercial and shipping community. Though the proposed installation does not represent the wishes of Hongkong in the matter, it is an advance in the right direction, and probably when our authorities get better accustomed to wireless propositions they will show more enterprise and allow us to reap all the advantages of modern discoveries.

I suppose we are looking forward to Christmas with some degree of pleasure. This festival at home has perhaps sentimental joys, but I doubt if Christmas at home can ever be as pleasant as it is in this part of the world. As a rule the weather is crisp and dry and bracing, and really is a tonic in itself—not like the damp which characterises the real Christmas, or like the frost and the snow which used to make Christmas picturesque in the happy days represented on Christmas cards. We may regard ourselves as exiles, and we may wish that we were at home to be with friends, but all the same we have to admit that there are worse experiences in life than Christmas in Hongkong.

RODRICK RANDOM.

## LOCAL PORT.

## LEAGUE CRICKET.

CRICKETERS' CRICKET CLUB.

League match played at Happy Valley on Saturday between C.C.C. and Police R.O. resulted in a win for C.C.C.

Scores:—

	P.R.C.	
G. A. Woodcock, c. Bass, b. Taylor	0	
G. Fowler, c. Bass, b. Pestonji	0	
A. Grimmett, c. Johnstone, b. Taylor	2	
D. Burlingham, l.b.w., Pestonji	22	
W. Cruikshank, b. Pestonji	8	
Glendinning, c. Vivesh, b. Taylor	0	
W. Pitt, b. Pestonji	2	
K. McLennan, c. Rose, b. Pestonji	2	
J. Moody, not out	1	
W. Cooper, b. Pestonji	1	
J. Kerr, c. Pestonji, b. Taylor	1	
Extras	7	

Total ..... 62

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
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Taylor	8.2	1	21	4
Pestonji	8	0	29	6

c.c.c.

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E. L. Bragg, run not	3			
H. H. Taylor, b. Woodcock	5			
J. V. Bragg, b. Moody	2			
L. A. Rose, c. Cruikshank, b. Kerr	22			
R. Pestonji, b. Moody	27			
R. A. Carvalho, b. Kerr	1			
W. H. Vivesh, not out	36			
R. Bass, c. McLennan, b. Cooper	5			
G. A. Hancock, c. and b. Cooper	2			
C. Johnstone, l.b.w. Cooper	18			
J. D. Norrie, b. Cruikshank	7			
Extras	5			

Total ..... 154

Bowling Analysis.

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Moody	9	1	39	2
Woodcock	4	0	16	1
King	3	0	23	0
Kerr	6	0	43	2
Cooper	3	0	18	3
Cruikshank	1.3	0	9	1

KOWLOON "B" V. ROYAL ENGINEERS.

A friendly match between these teams

was played at Kowloon on Saturday, re-

sulting in a win for the home team.

Scores:—

KOWLOON.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
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N. L. Railton, b. Whyting	36			
Capt. Wood, c. Hibberd, b. Collins	24			
A. E. Raveon, c. and b. Collins	4			
E. W. Wilkie, retired	56			
D. J. Mackenzie, b. Tucker	18			
H. Scott, c. Wright, b. Whyting	11			
L. M. Whyte, not out	24			
W. Douglas, not out	4			
Extras	18			

Total (5 wickets) ..... 185

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
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Wilkinson	4	0	33	0
Collins	8	1	35	2
Whyting	6	1	35	2
Tucker	2	0	12	1
Wright	4	1	7	0
Hill	2	0	8	0
Miller	3	0	20	0

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
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Lieut. Cpl. Tucker, b. Capt. Wood	0			
Spr. Johnson, c. Scott, b. Capt. Wood	6			
Spr. Wilkinson, b. Goldsmith	1			
Spr. Collins, c. Whyte, b. Goldsmith	37			
Spr. Hibberd, b. Goldsmith	6			
Spr. Wright, b. Scott	5			
Spr. Whyting, b. Goldsmith	5			
Spr. Brown, b. Capt. Wood	1			
Spr. Miller, b. Goldsmith	0			
Spr. Skelcher, not out	0			
Spr. Hill, c. Railton, b. Capt. Wood	2			
Extras	7			

Total ..... 75

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
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Capt. Wood	9	1	17	4
H. E. Goldsmith	10	0	25	5
H. Scott	4	1	15	1
D. J. Mackenzie	3	0	11	0

OTHER CRICKET.

HONGKONG V. THE GARRISON.

Played on the Hongkong Cricket

Ground on Saturday, a draw resulting.

Some really good cricket was witnessed,

bat triumphing over ball to a marked

extent. Major Bowen and Capt. Craw-

ford each reached the rails on seven oc-

casions, Elborough's innings contained six

4's and Dodwell hit seven 4's. Score and

analysis:—

THE GARRISON.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
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Capt. Crawford, c. H. Hancock, b. Anderson	52			
Capt. Robinson, l.b.w., b. Dodwell	20			
Lieut. G. de Houghton, c. Thursfield, b. Anderson	31			
Lieut. Paris, b. Fowler	3			
Major Bowen, not out	64			
H. Matthews, c. H. Hancock, b. Anderson	27			
Major Currie, c. H. Hancock, b. Dodwell	3			
Extras	10			

Total (for 6 wickets) ..... 200

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
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Lieut. Bagnall, Lieut. White, Rev. Foster-Pegg, and Lieut. Veitch did not bat.				
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HONGKONG.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
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G. H. Dodwell	11	1	46	2
R. Hancock	6	1	20	0
D. E. Donnelly	3	1	18	0
R. Anderson	14	2	72	3
E. A. S. Fowler	7	1	14	1
J. S. Lloyd	3	0	20	0

Extras ..... 1

Total (for 4 wickets) ..... 139

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
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R. Hancock, R. N. Anderson, R. P. Thursfield, E. A. S. Fowler, D. E. Donnelly, and A. H. Gillingham did not bat.				
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Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
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A. G. White	9.5	0	59	4
W. H. Foster-Pegg	9	1	57	0
Veitch	5	1	28	0

## HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB V. UNITED SERVICES.

Play will commence at 2 p.m. on Christmas Day, and not at 12 noon as previously stated. On Boxing Day play will be continued at 10 a.m.:

The following will represent the United Services:—Major Bowen, A.P.D., Rev. F. B. Hastings, R.N., Lieut. Hunton, R.M.L.I., Eng.-Lieut. Smith, R.N., Capt. Robertson, A.O.D., Capt. Crawford, R.A., Lieut. Bagnall, R.A., Lieut. White, 126th Bat., Corp. Dempsey, K.O.Y.L.I., E. B. A. Poole, R.N., and C. P. O. Neil, R.N.

The Officers of the Garrison will be "At Home" to their friends on Christmas Day at 2.30 p.m. on the Hongkong Cricket ground. By kind permission of Lieut. Colonel L. B. Walton and the Officers, the Band and Drums of the 25th Punjab will play a selection of music on the ground.

## LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG V. R.O.A.

On Saturday these teams were pitted against each other in a game for League points. From the very start the soldiers set up a hot attack on the Club's goal, but hesitation in front of the keeper nullified their efforts. Faced by an excellent and determined defence, their attack was broken temporarily, and a mistake by one of the backs at the other end let in Pennell, who safely guided the sphere past the custodian. This reverse, entirely unexpected as it was, demoralised the Artillery, and for a while the Club had slightly the best of matters. The military's right back got into difficulties, and Pennell gained possession and ran through, but the goalie saved his shot in pretty style. Benton was repeatedly conspicuous for effective work on the right, Campbell and Jones supporting him with clever passes. Crossing over with the lead of a solitary goal, the Club were immediately placed on the defensive, and Barlow came to the rescue of his side time after time with brilliant work. Play degenerated into a mere scramble, but the Artillery's strenuous efforts to draw level and the fine work of the home defence kept the spectators interested. Stalker in particular deserves a word of commendation for his sterling display; his clearances being marked with fine judgment and great power. In the last minute of the game one of the Club's defenders had the misfortune to turn the leather into his own goal, thus making the score equal.

## RUGBY.

Two elevens of the U.S.S. *Wilmington* designating themselves the Blues and Grays, respectively, will meet on the Polo ground at 2.30 p.m. on December 25th, to play the first American Rugby Intercollegiate football game of the season. Both teams have been diligently preparing for the battle, which promises to be well contested and snappy. The first half is for 30 minutes and the second twenty.

## AN OPIUM CRISIS.

INTERNATIONAL COMPLICATIONS.

The Peking correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* cabled on the 17th inst:—

A critical stage has been reached in the opium question. The Consular Body in Shanghai telegraphed yesterday to the Doyen of the Diplomatic Body in Peking pointing out that the long continued and systematic obstruction of the foreign opium trade by China has resulted in the accumulation of enormous stocks, which are unsaleable owing to the Chinese action.

It is stated that practically the whole of the accumulations, valued at over £10,000,000, are mortgaged to eleven foreign banks in Shanghai, and that traders and bankers have been handling opium on the strength of the Anglo-Chinese Agreement of 1911, which gave the trade a legal status for a fixed period.

Diplomatic intervention is requested with the object of securing the observation by China of her treaty obligations and of rendering the accumulations saleable.

It is a matter of public knowledge that the British Legation has been, for a long time past, constantly engaged in registering protests with the Chinese Government against violations of the Treaty in many provinces. Lately, however, it has become apparent that there is a widespread and concerted action in the Yangtze provinces prematurely to extinguish the trade in foreign opium, and that the central Government has been encouraging the obstruction. The British Minister had already warned the Chinese Government that unless unequivocal assurances were immediately forthcoming of the intention of China to observe the agreement, he would be compelled to advise his Government that his remonstrances had proved ineffective.

The action of the Consular Body in asking for protection of the interests of their banks now imports an international character into the opium question, and it will require considerable hardihood on the part of the Chinese to withstand the additional pressure.

So far as Great Britain is concerned, she is now faced with the alternative of dealing firmly with China or of acquiescing in Chinese obstruction, thereby rendering the accumulations unsaleable and raising the question of compensating British holders of opium for the British Government's neglect to enforce treaty rights.

## HONGKONG TRAMS.

Yesterday was the second day of the offer by the Tramway Company of free rides, and the offer was largely availed of by Indian soldiers and Chinese children. They crowded the cars all day, and there was little room for others who wished to use the cars for ordinary travelling purposes.

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN REPUBLICAN CHINA.

Torture, a Hankow paper says, was used in a trial at Hanyang recently to extort confessions from two thieves. The torture system was nominally abolished before the end of the Manchu dynasty.

An Ichang correspondent writing on December 7th said:—Last night while a case implicating a soldier was being tried at the Court of Justice, the Judge gave a decision unfavourable to the accused and many of his soldier friends at once attacked the Judge and beat him. He was rescued, however, by an officer who managed to persuade the soldiers to return to their camp.

## HONGKONG CHINESE AND MONGOLIA.

The following appears in a Peking paper:—

A telegram was received from the Tutch of Canton stating that the Chinese residing in Hongkong have been very earnest in regard to the Russo-Urga affair, and they have raised a large sum of money which will be forwarded to Peking as soon as the Mongolian expedition is decided upon.—[The Greek Kalends?—Ed.]

## FIGHTING IN MONGOLIA.

Chinese military despatches state that two thousand Chinese troops encountered approximately the same number of Mongolians ten li south-west of Kailu in Inner Mongolia on the 9th inst. After a day's fighting the Mongolians fled, leaving fifty killed and wounded, and, also, fifty rifles and four field-guns. The Chinese casualties were small, but no other details of the fight are given. The Chinese troops are pursuing the Mongolians.

## THE LOAN SYNDICATES.

At a closed session of the National Assembly on the 11th inst. the Minister of Finance explained that he had received £3,000,000 from Mr. Birch Crisp, who was prepared to supply the remaining three millions before the 1st January next instead of February, while it was proposed to transfer the second half of the loan to the Sextuple Group and that China should compensate Mr. Birch Crisp. The Sextuple Group, he added, had offered to advance £10,000,000 to China within three months and the balance in 1913. As the local representatives of the Sextuple bankers have been in continual touch with their European chiefs, it is unlikely that the latter will reject these proposals. The National Assembly resolved to sanction the preliminary agreement.

Private telegrams from London state that the British Government is insisting upon a considerable extension of the British interests in the forthcoming loan.

## FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. F. W. EDWARDS.

In the presence of a large gathering of sorrowing friends and Masonic brethren the funeral took place last week at the Bubbling Well cemetery, Shanghai, of the late Mr. Frederick William Edwards, late controller of the Peking station of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., at Peking, who died at the General Hospital after a brief illness.

The remains of the deceased, enclosed in a handsome oak casket, had been removed to the chapel earlier in the day, where the coffin was almost entirely hidden from view by the many floral offerings which had been sent by friends in Shanghai and from various parts of China, India, etc.

The chapel was filled by the many friends of the deceased who listened attentively to the service by the officiating clergyman, the Rev. A. J. Walker, Chaplain, D. G. Lodge, Northern China. At the conclusion of the service the casket was borne to the grave side by Messrs. R. S. Ivy, A. H. Bottenheim, H. G. Simms, A. B. Skottowe, T. Toledano, and F. J. Burdett. The final prayers having been read, the coffin was lowered to the vault, after which all the Masonic brethren present marched three times round the grave dropping sprigs of evergreen on the coffin. The grave was then closed and the flowers placed on top and the ceremony was concluded. The following is a brief list of the wreaths, etc. which were sent:—

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During the day the flags on the Telegraph building were half masted.

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KAISERLICH DEUTSCHE KONSULAT.

Pakhoi, den 18. Dezember 1912. (1450)

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 25th and 26th instant.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1912. (1455)

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

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A. R. LOWE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1912. (1416)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Additional Train will leave KOWLOON for SHUM CHUN calling at the Golf Course Crossing, FANLING, at 10.15 A.M. on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

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By Order

H. P. WINSLOW, Manager.

Kowloon, 19th December, 1912. (1447)

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CANDIDA.

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SATURDAY, 11th JAN.—

TWELFTH NIGHT.

EVENING—

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MONDAY, 13th JAN.—

SALOME.

TUESDAY, 14th JAN.—

TAMING OF THE SHREW.

WEDNESDAY, 15th JAN.—

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1912. (1441)

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**COMPANY MEETING.**  
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Mr. D. Landale presided at the seventeenth annual ordinary meeting of the above company at the offices of the general managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., last week, and there were also present—Messrs. E. E. Clarke, H. R. Kinnear and Zee Quay-ying (Consulting Committee), John Johnstone, C. H. O. Platt, J. C. Dyer, A. K. Craddock, E. B. Broadrick, F. H. Crossley, C. R. Shaw, F. J. Burrett, Pan Ching-poo, J. Kerfoot (Mill Manager), A. Brooke Smith (Secretary), the Rev. G. Castrillo, and others.

The notice convening the meeting having been read,  
The Chairman said—Gentlemen, before proceeding with the usual business, I desire to express our sincere regret at the loss of Mr. Alex. McLeod, which occurred after our last meeting. Mr. McLeod joined the Consulting Committee in October, 1897, and continued to take a keen interest in the Company until a few days before his death. Mr. Kinnear was asked to fill the vacancy, and I am sure you approve of the Consulting Committee's action.

I will now call upon the Secretary to read the auditor's report.

The Secretary having read the auditor's report, the Chairman continued—As usual, I propose, with your approval, to take the report and accounts for the year ended October 31, 1912, which have been in your hands for some days, as read. When we last met, the outlook was particularly gloomy and continued so until after China New Year. It is, therefore, the more gratifying that the General Managers and Consulting Committee should be able to place before you such a satisfactory showing. Owing to the Revolution and the subsequent dislocation of business, short time was resorted to at the mills from the middle of November to the middle of February, since when we have been working at full pressure and obtaining record productions, a testimony that all the machinery is in thorough running order. I may here say that the Revolution cost us very dear, as, apart from the practical stoppage of business for some weeks, it became imperative for us to materially assist most of our buyers with their contracts of yarn and cloth.

The result of the twelve months' working was a profit of Tls. 239,723.72, which, with the balance carried forward from last year, leaves a credit at profit and loss account of Tls. 348,698.13, the proposed appropriation of which, as stated in the report before you, the Consulting Committee venture to hope will have your approval. The preference shares this year absorb Tls. 27,961.21—in future, the amount will be Tls. 28,000, as all the 4,000 preference shares, authorized to be issued in December, 1909, have now been taken up. I trust the addition of Tls. 30,000 to special repairs and renewals account will commend itself to you, as there will then be Tls. 42,906.82 available for improvements and alterations which, in a concern like ours, are continually required. I may say that since 1899 Tls. 199,736.96 have been spent on ordinary repairs and renewals out of working account, and since 1907 Tls. 118,033.08 on special repairs and renewals out of the amounts set aside for that purpose.

The appropriation of Tls. 110,000 to equalization of dividend account—bringing that account to Tls. 400,000—will doubtless have your support, when I tell you that we must look for serious competition during the next few years and that it is necessary to build up our reserves while we continue to enjoy seasons of prosperity.

The General Managers desire that a bonus of Tls. 3,000 should be voted to the foreign staff at the mills—gentlemen, we have been well served during the past twelve months, and I am of opinion that we should show our appreciation of the services rendered by our employees and, if possible, endeavour to set aside a sum each year for a similar purpose. If you agree to the payment of the bonus, the General Managers propose to pay, as near as possible, 10 per cent. to each of the staff on his salary for the past twelve months. I do not know that the accounts call for any special remark, but I should like to mention that the addition to plant and machinery account of Tls. 19,887.92 represents new weaving machinery. To-day, our plant consists of 72,964 spindles and 500 looms, which I need hardly add cannot be replaced at anything near their present book value. On a conservative basis, it is estimated that, to replace our present plant, even at current high rates of sterling exchange, the outlay would be Tls. 2,130,000, whereas the book value stands at Tls. 1,531,011.53, and besides this we will have at credit of equalization of dividend account Tls. 400,000. These figures will give you some idea of the favourable position we occupy as compared with any new ventures that may be promoted. Since the spring we have been experiencing an encouraging demand for yarn, and later for cloth, and it gives me much pleasure to be able to inform you that we have satisfactory orders for yarn that will keep us well employed for the next five months, working full time. (Applause.) In cloth, we are under contract for two months, and I do not know that we have reason to complain about our margins. The statistical position of our margins, and cloth is, to my mind, particularly healthy and, considering the bumper crops that have been harvested this year throughout China, we may expect, with some confidence, a continuance of the present brisk demand for our products for several months, and I trust that at the next annual meeting it will be possible to discuss a report as satisfactory as the one before you. I desire to draw your attention to the fact that the encouraging showing for the past year is, in some measure, due to the Cotton Anti-Adulteration Association, which commenced work last season, and has done much to minimize the evil of cotton adulteration with water and other foreign matter, and I desire to take this

opportunity of expressing the appreciation of our Company for the services rendered by those gentlemen who were responsible for the formation of the Association. (Applause.)

Last season's China cotton crop was a poor one and considerable supplies of American and Indian were imposed by us and most of the other mills, but there should not be the same scarcity this year, unless very large quantities are exported, as indications point to the contrary being somewhat above the average. Additions are being made to several of the local mills and important extensions are being arranged for in Japan, so that we must look for keen competition in the near future, but it is to be hoped that the output of yarn and cloth will not overtake consumption and necessitate working short time for a long while to come. The political and financial position of the Chinese Government continues to cause business men much uneasiness, but, otherwise, the outlook is by no means unsatisfactory. At no very distant date we must expect a revision of the Customs duties. That they will be raised is a foregone conclusion, but to what extent, and what the tariff will then be on the products

of mills in this country, it is impossible to form any idea. I do not think, however, that we need fear that the slight advantage the cotton mills in China now enjoy over similar concerns in other countries will be lost, for we have the satisfaction of knowing that the unanimous opinion among Chinese is that all home industries should be encouraged. If local mills are eventually placed in a position that will enable them to cope more easily with competition from mills in other countries, many new mills will be erected in China, but, from the figures already given you, I think you will agree with me that we are on a very favourable footing as compared with any new concerns that may be started. I do not know of any other point that I can touch upon, but I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions you may desire to ask. (Loud applause.)

There being no questions, the following resolutions were put to the meeting and carried unanimously—  
Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. F. H. Crossley:—That the report and accounts, as presented, be passed.

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. H. R. Kinnear:—That a dividend of Tls. 11 per share on the ordinary shares be paid.

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The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and announced that dividend warrants would be ready the following day. A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding terminated the proceedings.

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## THE INDIAN OPIUM TRADE.

## THE NEW EXPORT DUTY.

The report on the administration of the Opium Department of the Bombay Presidency for the financial year 1911-12 has just been published. It records the introduction during the year of the system of selling by auction the right of exportation of Malwa opium by sea from the Port of Bombay. Under this new system, which was brought into effect from the beginning of 1912, the Pass duty has been raised to Rs. 1,900 per chest, and no opium, excepting that in respect of which the privilege of exportation has been secured at an auction held by the Collector of Customs, is allowed to be imported from Malwa for exportation by sea. The effect of this very material alteration in the system of dealing with opium intended for export from India is explained in the report. The export duty has been doubled, and Government have brought into operation measures designed to secure both for Imperial revenues and for the revenues of the States in which the opium is grown a fair share of the value which, under existing conditions and restrictions, attaches to the right to export opium to China. Since the close of the year under report, as has been on occasion noted in *The Times*, there have been serious fluctuations in prices in the Bombay market owing to apprehensions regarding the admission of the drug into China; but these would seem to have been at any rate partially allayed, and the prices now realized at the sales are very considerable. Three sales were held during the year, and the right of export in respect of 1,335 chests, divided into 207 blocks of five chests each, was disposed of on each occasion. The sale of these 4,005 chests realized Rs. 99,39,375 in addition to Rs. 48,00,000 on account of Pass duty. The average price paid per chest was as follows:—

	Rs.	a.	p.
January	1,774	13	0
February	1,781	8	0
March	3,136	15	1

The number of these chests exported during the year was 513. In all 12,107 chests were imported and lodged in the Bombay opium warehouses during the year under report, against 9,014 chests during the preceding year. Out of these and the balance of 2,902 chests in stock on April 1st, 1911, 14,034 chests were exported to China, representing an increase of 7,325 chests exported to China as compared with the decrease of 6,481 chests in the previous year. This is due to the fact that out of the 15,584 chests permitted to be exported to China in the calendar year 1911, 10,653 chests were shipped in the last nine months of that year as compared with 1,800 chests shipped during the same period in 1910. In the current year, on the other hand, owing to the overstocked markets in China, only 3,379 chests were exported in the first three months, as against 4,921 chests exported during the same period of last year (1911), leaving a balance of 11,181 chests to be exported in the following nine months. The average prices in the Bombay market for opium, against Rs. 1,568 and Rs. 2,303 per chest respectively during the previous year. The increase may be attributed to the considerable rise in the prices of Malwa opium in the China market owing to the artificial restriction of the supply from India.

## A YOKOHAMA TAX QUESTION.

The following appears in a recent issue of the *Japan Gazette*:—

We are informed that a large number of demand-notes for Municipal Taxes have been distributed by the Yokohama City Office among the foreign houses on Perpetual Leasehold Property on the Bluff, and we warn foreigners against paying such undue demands. The Municipal Taxes due in respect of Perpetual Lease Property on the Bluff and in the Settlement have already been paid in the form of ground-rent, and any attempt to collect them twice will be steadily resisted by the Leaseholders' Committee.

This attempt has frequently been made by Municipal authorities in the past, but without authorization of the Central Government, and has only given trouble to both parties concerned. A little variation in the procedure this time is said to be the inclusion in the notes of a demand for taxes alleged to be due for some years past and the addition of a threat of distraint if the demand be not met within seven days of its receipt. Of course, the Municipal authorities are aware this claim is a diplomatic question, and know that the foreign leaseholders are acting with the full concurrence of their diplomatic representatives, but they nevertheless persist in thus flying in the face of the other Central Government. It seems that the demand-notes are presented in the absence of the head of the house may be frightened by the distraint clause on paying. Once paid, there would be endless difficulty in recovering the amount, again cautioned against these extraordinary Municipal tactics, which are both unauthorized and discourteous to the Japanese and Foreign Governments. It may be added that the *onus* of the delay in settling this matter lies wholly upon the Japanese Government.

The *Japan Mail* expresses the opinion that "whatever may be the case in regard to the House Tax it is extremely doubtful whether, so far as Yokohama is concerned, the agreements were ever intended to include municipal taxes."

We may point out that the Arbitrators at the Hague in 1903 found that the provisions of the Treaties exempt the land and buildings of every description constructed or which may hereafter be constructed on such land (held in virtue of leases in perpetuity granted by or on behalf of the Government of Japan) from all imposts, taxes, charges, contributions or conditions whatsoever, other than those expressly stipulated in the leases in question. The text of this finding is given in the *Directory & Chronicle* for 1912, page 239, in a footnote.

## THE FREIGHT MARKET.

Messrs. Lamko & Rogge, ship and freight brokers of Hongkong, in their Freight Circular dated December 21st say:—

The freight market has remained very firm all round and quite a fair amount of chartering has come to pass during the fortnight under review. Some orders especially for coal trips down South are being unloading owing to charterers, who have been accustomed to see a declining market by the end of the year, being unwilling to yield to owners' demands. Their repeated attempts to lower the rates, however, have so far proved fruitless. There is further demand for tonnage, and timecharter both for prompt boats and for delivery, but prompt boats are difficult to secure, and owing to their scarcity a few vessels have been able to obtain a splendid rate in recharter.

The North reports a quiet fortnight partly owing to scarcity of steamers. All outsiders coming off timecharter have to move to the South to be delivered and the liners are busy with their regular trades.

SAIGON/HONGKONG.—Cargo has been offering a little more freely, and most of the regular liners are obtaining full cargoes. A further demand for tonnage has led to the fixture of an "outsider" at 15 cents per picul, but the old grain is now nearly exhausted.

New Crops.—Rice having again set in, it is hoped that crops which suffered from dry weather in some districts will recover. The harvest will be somewhat late, but return is expected to be an average one. Rice exports during this season amount to total 528,899 tons compared with 643,002 tons for same period last year.—Quotation stands for December/January shipment at \$5.35 per picul f.o.b.

SAIGON/PHILIPPINES.—There has been no inquiry whatever. The new rice crop is now being harvested and is in excellent condition. Already some small lots of new crop are being sold, but there is not likely to be much demand for Saigon rice during the next few months.

SAIGON/JAVA.—The order already mentioned in our last report was taken out of the market by the s.s. *Devent* at 31 cents, which vessel had previously been fixed from Java to Hongkong, on private terms.

SAIGON/SINGAPORE.—A charter of a steamer has been arranged at \$6,500—lumpsum, the rate working out at about 18 cents per picul.

BANGKOK.—Regular liners are well employed, rates having advanced to 35 cents "liner terms." There is some enquiry after "outside" tonnage, but no business seems to have been done up to the time of writing.

DALNY/CANTON.—After the closing of Newchwang, regular liners have been chartered to load from Dalny and Chefoo to Canton, usual part-cargoes at 31 cents per picul.

TIMECHARTERS.—The s.s. *Devanaghe* has been taken up for 12 months at \$7,500—s.s. *Kjeld* and s.s. *Daguy* in recharter for 3 months at \$8,250—per month, all for Saigon account.

COAL FREIGHTS.—Tonnage has been offering a little more freely, and following fixtures are reported:—  
Mojito-Hongkong \$2.15. Wakamatsu-Amoy \$3.35. Port Arthur-Swallow \$3.35. Port Arthur-Foochow \$3.00. Haiphong-Swallow \$2.80 per ton, and Kebao-Chinking, private terms.

The following are the settlements reported:—

British str. *Telegraphus*, 1,340 net reg., Saigon to Hongkong, 15 cents per picul.  
British str. *Kumchee*, 1,451 net reg., Saigon to Hongkong (8,000 piculs) 18 cents per picul.

German str. *Lygerman*, 1,238 net reg., Saigon to Hongkong, 15 cents per picul.  
German str. *Wong Kai*, 1,115 net reg., Saigon to Hongkong, 15 cents per picul.  
German str. *Clara Jensen*, 1,103 net reg., Saigon to Singapore, \$6,500—lumpsum.

British str. *Devent*, 1,562 net reg., Saigon to 1 port N. C. Java, 31 cents per picul.  
British str. *Devent*, 1,562 net reg., Java to Hongkong, Private terms.

French str. *Binhthuan*, 987 net reg., Haiphong to Hongkong (cement and rice), 38 cents per cask cement and \$2.25 per ton rice.  
British str. *Koon Shing*, 1,333 net reg., Dalny and Chefoo to Canton (partcargo), 31 cents per picul.

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German str. *Devanaghe*, 1,057 net reg., Timecharter, 12 months, \$7,500—per month.  
Norwegian str. *Kjeld*, 910 net reg., Timecharter, recharter 3 months, \$8,250—per month.

Norwegian str. *Daguy*, 882 net reg., Timecharter, recharter 3 months, \$8,250—per month.

Japanese str. *Dainichi Maru*, 1,953 net reg., Moji to Hongkong, \$2.15 per ton.  
British str. *Bendeuch*, Moji to Hongkong, \$2.15 per ton.

Norwegian str. *Eln*, 884 net reg., Wakamatsu to Amoy, \$3.35 per ton.  
Norwegian str. *Anna*, 1,017 net reg., Port Arthur to Swallow, \$3.35 per ton.  
British str. C. N. Co.'s str., Port Arthur to Foochow, \$3.00 per ton.

British str. *Clipping*, 1,199 net reg., Haiphong to Swallow, \$2.80 per ton.  
Norwegian str. *Brickten*, 1,344 net reg., Kebao to Chinking, Private terms.

## WEATHER REPORT.

On the 22nd at 12.05 p.m.—Pressure has increased moderately to slightly over the whole of China. It has decreased considerably over central Japan owing to the approach of a depression or typhoon from So. W. W.

Moderate monsoon is indicated along the E. coast of China and moderate to light monsoon over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.77 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Disturbance      Forecast.  
—Hongkong & Neighbourhood      (North winds; strong.)  
Formosa Channel      (The same as Hongkong and Lamcocks.) No. 1.  
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1 " *** Brandy.	1 " *** Brandy.	1 " *** Brandy.
1 " Gin.	1 " Peppermint, Pint.	1 " Peppermint, Pint.
1 " Peppermint, Pint.	1 " Whisky, B. & W.	1 " Whisky, B. & W.
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AGENTS.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1912.

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## WEISMANN, LTD.

CHRISTMAS CAKES,  
CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS,  
HOME-MADE CHOCOLATES.

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## VESSELS EXPECTED.

## THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. str. *Mongolia* sailed from Yokohama on the 19th December, for this port via Kobe, Nagasaki and Manila, between 10 a.m. and noon. Her mails have been transferred to the N.D.L. str. *Luettow*.

The T.K.K. str. *Nippon Maru* left San Francisco for Hongkong via usual ports on the 7th December, and is due here on the 31st December.

The P.M. str. *Nile* left Yokohama for the usual Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila on the 12th December, between 10 a.m. and noon.

The T.K.K. str. *Tenyo Maru* left San Francisco for Hongkong via usual ports on the 13th December, and may be expected here on the 9th January.

## THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The I.M.G. str. *Coblenz* left Sydney on the 14th December, at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about 6th January. The E. & A. str. *Eastern* left Sydney on the 18th December, for this port via Queensland Ports, Port Darwin and Manila.

## THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Ludwig*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 27th November, left Colombo on the 15th December, p.m., and may be expected here on the 26th December, p.m.

## MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The H.A.L. str. *Segovia* left Taingtau on the 18th December, p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 23rd December, a.m.

The H.A.L. str. *Alesia* left Shanghai on the 20th December, a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 23rd December, a.m.

The str. *Thongwa*, from Shanghai and Kobe, left Moji on the 20th December, a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 24th December, a.m.

The I.G.M. str. *Borneo* left Sandakan on the 15th December, p.m., and may be expected here on or about 24th December, at noon.

The str. *Kansas* passed the Suez Canal on the 3rd December, and is due here on or about 3rd January.

## INDIA LINE.

*Indramayo*, from New York, is due in Hongkong 23rd December.

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.  
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## FROM EUROPE.

THE Steamship

"PEMBROKESHIRE," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 23rd inst. at 6 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on MONDAY, the 23rd inst., at 9.30 a.m. Claims against the Steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

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## S.S. "AMAZONE."

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex s.s. "Basque" and "Sidon," from Bordeaux ex s.s. "Vile de Lorient," in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before NOON TO-DAY requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after the 25th inst. at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 26th inst., or they will not be recognized. All damaged packages will be examined on the 24th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. THOMAS, Agent.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1912.      [2]

## "BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENLAVERS," FROM MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 7th Jan., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th inst., at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1912.      [1438]

## CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF INDIA."



## SHIPPING

## ARRIVALS.

ATREUS, British str., 4,290, R. C. Thompson, 20th December—Shanghai 17th December, General—Butterfield & Swire.

AWA MARU, Japanese str., 6,309, R. Shimidzu, 22nd December—Shanghai 19th December, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

BANKI MARU, Japanese str., 2,360, J. Mase, 22nd December—Sourabaya 11th December, Sugar—Dodwell & Co.

CANTON MARU, Japanese str., 1,997, J. Murakami, 22nd December—Wakamatsu 17th December, Coal—Mitsukashi & Co.

CHIVENS, Chinese str., 1,177, Jamieson, 22nd December—Shanghai 18th December, General—Chinese.

DILWALA, British str., 3,400, W. J. Bishop, 21st December—Singapore 18th Dec., General—David Sassoon & Co.

ERIKEN, Norwegian str., 22nd December—Canton.

ELGER, Norwegian str., 875, E. Fingelsen, 22nd December—Hoihow 21st December, General—Jensen & Co.

EMPERESS OF INDIA, British str., 5,040, A. Hailey, 21st December—Yamoucou 25th November, Mails and General—C. P. R. Co.

EUROPE MARU, Japanese str., 2,268, M. Tanaka, 22nd December—Dahly 15th December, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

FEICHIANG, Chinese str., 22nd December—Canton.

FUKURA MARU, Japanese str., 3,129, S. Kuniawaki, 21st December—Wakamatsu 17th December, Coal—Mitsui Bishi Goshi Kaisha.

HAIVANG, British str., 1,363, Hodgins, 22nd December—Fouchow 19th December—19th December, General—Douglas, Laprak & Co.

HANVANG, British str., 22nd December—Canton.

HALVARD, Norwegian str., 1,066, C. Anderson, 21st December—Bangkok and Hoihow 20th December, General—Order.

HANGCHOW, British str., 999, T. Morse, 20th December—Chefoo 14th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.

KANSU, British str., 1,143, Suchlen, 22nd December—Shanghai 18th December, General—Butterfield & Swire.

KASHING, British str., 22nd December—Canton.

KONG WAI, German str., 1,115, J. Kohler, 21st December—Bangkok 11th December, Rice and Timber—Melchers & Co.

KWANGTUNG, Chinese str., 22nd December—Canton.

PATRIA, Portuguese gunboat, 799, Jose Carvalho Crato, 22nd December—Macao.

SINGAP, British str., 1,047, J. Robinson, 20th December—Haiphong and Pakhoi 18th December, General—Butterfield & Swire.

SOSHU MARU, Japanese str., 1,119, K. Yashiro, 21st December—Swatow 20th December, General—Osaka Shosen T.M.S. EMORI, German cruiser, 3,600, V. Reshoff, 22nd December—Fouchow.

DEPARTURES.

December 21st.

ANDRE RICKMERS, Ger. str., for Y'hama.

CHIYO MARU, Japanese str., for S'hai.

EGREMENT CASTLE, British str., for S'pore.

HIMALAYA, British str., for London.

HIN CHANG, Chinese str., for Hongay.

KASHING, British str., for Canton.

KORANG, British str., for Hongay.

LOKANG, British str., for Shanghai.

LYENMOON, German str., for Saigon.

SOSHU MARU, Japanese str., for Canton.

STENTOR, British str., for Singapore.

SZECHUEN, British str., for Canton.

TRUMP, German str., for Hongay.

TUNG WAH, British str., for Shanghai.

WAISHING, British str., for Shanghai.

YATSHING, British str., for Calcutta.

YENSANG, British str., for Manila.

December 22nd.

ARMENIA, German str., for Shanghai.

ATREUS, British str., for Singapore.

BENLAWERS, British str., for Nagasaki.

DAGNY, Norwegian str., for Bangkok.

DALIN MARU, Japanese str., for W'matsu.

ERIKEN, Norwegian str., for Kebo.

HANGSANG, British str., for Shanghai.

HAMUN, British str., for Swatow.

KWANGSANG, British str., for Moji.

LANDRAT SCHREIBER, Ger. str., for Bangkok.

SEANG CHON, British str., for Shanghai.

TIKINTI, Dutch str., for Amoy.

TIKINTI, Dutch str., for Batavia.

UPADA, British str., for Kobe.

VARG, Norwegian str., for Hongay.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Kansu* reports: Fine weather throughout.

The British str. *Atreus* reports: Fresh N.E. winds, misty weather, time taken on voyage 54 hours.

The British str. *Haivang* reports: Strong N.E. wind, rough sea, dull overcast and weather; easterly wind and moderate to light north-easterly wind and fine weather, Swatow to Hongkong moderate to light north-westerly wind, smooth sea, cloudy and fine weather.

The German str. *Kong Wai* reports: T.M.S. EMORI, German cruiser, 3,600, First part of the voyage from Cape Varella we met strong breeze (N.E.) and rough sea. Afterwards we got nice weather and calm sea. From Hoihow to Hongkong we took her screw-shaft on the voyage from Hoihow to Singapore.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. str. *Siella*, due here at daylight on Tuesday, 24th inst., will leave for Marseilles, London and Antwerp at 10 a.m. on the following day.

The S.K. str. *Mexico Maru*, which left Hongkong on the 12th November, was delivered in New York on the 19th December.

The str. *Ockley* left Muroran on the 14th December, and is expected to arrive here on the 24th December.

The str. *Pia Clarence* sailed from Moji on the 21st December, and is expected to arrive here on the 26th December.

The str. *Orteric* sailed from Moji on the 20th December, and is expected to arrive here on the 25th December.

## VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessels, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k." nearest Hongkong "h." midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m." and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

## SECTIONS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard 4. From Naval Yard to East Point

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAMES.	FLAG & BIO.	BERTH.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO.	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON & ANTWERP...	DENBIGHSHIRE...	Brit. str.	—	C. H. Watkins, R.N.R.	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 24th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP...	STELLA...	Brit. str.	—	E. P. Martin, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 25th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP...	DEIRA...	Brit. str.	—	Deinst	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 4th Jan., at Noon.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG...	FURST BURELOW...	Ger. str.	k. w.	Jager	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 11th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG...	ALBESIA...	Ger. str.	k. w.	Habel	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 24th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG...	SAMBIA...	Ger. str.	k. w.	Beck	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	To-morrow.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG...	ARMENIA...	Ger. str.	k. w.	Eckhorn	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 16th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG...	SEGOVIA...	Ger. str.	k. w.	Lubcke	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 25th Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	KAMO MARU...	Jap. str.	—	F. L. Sommer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	TACOMA MARU...	Jap. str.	—	T. Hamada	OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA	On 1st Jan., at D'light.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	AWA MARU...	Jap. str.	—	R. Shimizu	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 26th inst., at 2 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	OKLEY...	Jap. str.	—	J. Kanoo	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 31st inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	PANAMA MARU...	Jap. str.	—	J. Kanoo	THE BANK LINE LTD.	End of Dec.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	LUZOW...	Ger. str.	—	J. Kanoo	OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA	On 7th Jan., at 3 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	PERLHAR...	Ger. str.	—	J. Kanoo	MELCHERS & Co.	On 25th inst., at 10 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	KORBER...	Ger. str.	—	J. Kanoo	SANDER, WHITEL & Co.	About 31st inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	SOHUYKILL...	Am. str.	—	J. Kanoo	SANDER, WHITEL & Co.	On 19th Jan., at 5 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	SWAZI...	Am. str.	—	J. Kanoo	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	On 11th Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	EMPERESS OF INDIA...	Brit. str.	2 m.	W. Davison	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 11th Jan., at 7 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	MONTEAGLE...	Brit. str.	2 m.	W. Davison	CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY	On 8th Mar., at 7 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	NILE...	Am. str.	—	A. G. Stevens	CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY	On 31st inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	MONGOLIA...	Am. str.	—	A. G. Stevens	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 7th Jan., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	NIPPON MARU...	Jap. str.	—	H. Bremer	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 11th Jan., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	CANTON...	Swed. str.	—	H. Bremer	OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA	On 15th Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	PRINZ WALDEMAR...	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. Finlayson	OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst., at 9 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	ST. ALBANS...	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. Finlayson	GIES, LIVINGSTON & Co.	On 4th Jan., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	CHANGSHA...	Jap. str.	—	Tallock	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 4th Jan., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	YAWATA MARU...	Brit. str.	—	Tallock	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 15th Jan., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	DUNDEE MARU...	Jap. str.	—	Tallock	THE BANK LINE LIMITED	Beginning of January.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	YORWAZET...	Am. str.	—	H. Chidley	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 1st Feb., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	FULTALA...	Brit. str.	—	R. F. Thomson	SANDER, WHITEL & Co.	About 30th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	ARRATON APCAR...	Brit. str.	—	G. Tabuss	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 14th Jan., at D'light.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	KAGA MARU...	Jap. str.	—	L. Klugkist	DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.	On 30th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	COLENS...	Ger. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd Jan., at 11 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	NIKKO MARU...	Jap. str.	—	H. G. M. Walker	MELCHERS & Co.	About 7th Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	TIYTABOEN...	Dut. str.	—	H. G. M. Walker	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 15th Jan., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	KINGING...	Brit. str.	1 m.	Morse	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	HANGCHOW...	Jap. str.	—	H. Nomura	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-day, at 3 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	HAKATA MARU...	Jap. str.	—	Wright	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	KOONSHING...	Brit. str.	—	W. J. Bishop	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	DILWALA...	Brit. str.	1 m.	L. Jones	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 26th inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	CHENAN...	Brit. str.	—	C. E. Irving, R.N.R.	DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.	On 26th inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	BRIN LUDWIG...	Ger. str.	—	F. von Binzer	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 26th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	CHOYANG...	Brit. str.	1 m.	M. Courty	MELCHERS & Co.	About 26th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	LYNAN...	Brit. str.	—	C. C. Williams	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 27th inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	DUMBA...	Freuz. str.	—	Sellier	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	INDIA...	Brit. str.	—	G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	MESSAGEIRIES MARITIMES	On 30th inst., at 6 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	LYNAN...	Brit. str.	—	Loesing	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 2nd Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	COLENS...	Ger. str.	k. w.	Loesing	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 3rd Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	KORBER...	Ger. str.	—	Loesing	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 5th Jan., at D'light.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	CARMARTHENSHIRE...	Brit. str.	—	Loesing	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	About 14th Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	TIKINTI...	Dut. str.	—	Loesing	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	Quick despatch.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	KALJO MARU...	Jap. str.	—	Y. Yamamoto	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	On 1st Jan., at 10 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	SOSHU MARU...	Jap. str.	—	K. Tashira	OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA	On 25th inst., at 8 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	DANGI MURU...	Jap. str.	—	Y. Sonekawa	OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA	On 29th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	HAITANG...	Brit. str.	2 h.	A. E. Hodgins	OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Daylight.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	HAICHONG...	Brit. str.	2 h.	J. W. Evans	DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & Co.	On 27th inst., at D'light.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	HAITANG...	Brit. str.	2 h.	W. O. Passmore	DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & Co.	On 27th inst., at D'light.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	KURICHOW...	Brit. str.	1 m.	J. S. Roach	DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	ZABRO...	Am. str.	—	Forestry	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	LOONGSANG...	Brit. str.	—	Leask	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	YUNGSANG...	Brit. str.	—	F. H. Rolfe	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	RUBI...	Am. str.	—	Miller	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 4th Jan., at 2 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	TIYTABOEN...	Dut. str.	—	Loesing	SHEWAN TOMES & Co.	On 7th Jan., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	WAKASA MARU...	Jap. str.	—	Loesing	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	NAMANG...	Brit. str.	—	N. Nielsen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	NINGPO...	Brit. str.	1 m.	G. T. Luke	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow, at 2 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	THONGWA...	Brit. str.	—	F. H. Rolfe	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	COLOMBO MARU...	Jap. str.	—	Kawashima	DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.	On 27th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	OKARA...	Brit. str.	—	E. B. Hirst	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	MAVSANG...	Ger. str.	—	Conneck	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 12th Jan., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	BOBNOE...	Ger. str.	—	F. Sembill	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-day, at 3 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	SINGAN...	Brit. str.	1 m.	J. D. Milne	MELCHERS & Co.	Middle of Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	SI-KIANG...	Freuz. str.	—	E. de Catalano	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP...	SI-KIANG...	Freuz. str.	—	E. de Catalano	MESSAGEIRIES MARITIMES	On 1st Jan., at 9 A.M.



**PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL**

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PE- NANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	SICILIA Capt. C. H. Watkins, R.N.R.	About 25th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	SUNDA Capt. C. E. Irving, R.N.R.	About 26th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	INDIA Capt. G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	About 2nd Dec.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON via USUAL PORTS OF OCEAN	DELTA Capt. E. P. Martin, R.N.R.	Noon, 4th Jan.	See Special Advertisement.

All the above Steamers are fitted with Wireless Telegraphy.

For Further Particulars apply to

E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1912.

**CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.**

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
PAKHAI & HAIPHONG	"SINGAN"	On 24th Dec., 10 A.M.
MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"KUBIKOW"	On 24th Dec., 4 P.M.
TSINGTAI, WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO	"HANGCHOW"	On 24th Dec., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, SAMARANG & SOERABAYA	"NINGPO"	On 24th Dec., 5 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 26th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 28th Dec., M'night.

DIRECT SAILINGS TO WEST RIVER, Twice Weekly.  
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Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.N.B.—Passengers must embark before midnight on SATURDAY, for the SUNDAY  
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Night.These Steamers Land Passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of  
the transshipment at Wusung.

REDUCED FARES:—SINGLE \$45.....RETURN \$75.

NEW SERVICE—SHANGHAI to ANTUNG sailings on alternate Wednesdays.

For Freight or Passage apply to— BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1912. Telephone 36. AGENTS. [8]

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HIGHEST Class, Fastest and Most Luxurious Steamers on the Coast, having Splendid  
Accommodation for First Class Passengers. Electric Light. Excellent Cuisine.**SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW  
AND RETURN.**

(Occupying 9 to 10 Days).

STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	LEAVING
"HAIYANG"	Capt. A. E. Hodgins	TUESDAY, 24th Dec., at D'light.
"HAICHING"	Capt. W. O. Pasmore	FRIDAY, 27th Dec., at D'light.
"HAITAN"	Capt. J. S. Roach	TUESDAY, 31st Dec., at D'light.

For SWATOW AND RETURN.

(Occupying 3 Days).

"HAIMUN"	Capt. J. W. Evans	WEDNESDAY, 25th Dec., at D'light.
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Steamers will arrive at and Depart from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).

For Freight and Passage, apply to—

DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & Co.,  
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 21st December 1912.

**THE EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN  
STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.**MAIL SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA  
via MANILA.MAIL SCHEDULE  
(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION).

STEAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
ST. ALBANS	Jan., 10th	On 4th Jan., Noon.
EASTERN	Jan., 10th	On 1st Feb., Noon.
EMPIRE	Feb., 7th	On 1st Mar., Noon.

The above Steamers are fitted with Refrigerating Machinery, ensuring a plentiful  
supply of Ice, Fresh Provisions, etc., and are lighted throughout with Electricity.  
A State-Rooms have Electric Fans. A daily qualified Doctor and Stewards are carried.  
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DEUTSCHE DAMPSCHIFFFAHRTS GESELLSCHAFT "HANSA."Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES,  
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Ports, also Trieste, Lisbon, Oporto, Marseilles, Genoa, and other Mediterranean,  
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NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

OUTWARD.

HOMEWARD.

For SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA:

S.S. ALTMARK	3rd Jan.
S.S. SILEZIA	14th Jan.
S.S. SUEVIA	27th Jan.
S.S. O. J. D. AHLERS	11th Feb.
S.S. SFEZIA	26th Feb.
S.S. RENEGAMBIA	10th Mar.
S.S. SITHONIA	23rd Mar.

For Further Particulars, apply to—

For MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG:	S.S. SEGROVIA	23rd Dec.
For HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG:	S.S. ALESIA	24th Dec.
For ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG:	S.S. BRASILIA	11th Jan.
For HAVRE & HAMBURG:	S.S. SAMBIA	16th Jan.
For ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG:	S.S. FUERST BUELOW	24th Jan.
For HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG:	S.S. AKEMIA	25th Jan.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,  
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1912.

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TRANS-PACIFIC MAIL LINES.**SAN FRANCISCO LINE.**

Operating the THREE TRIPLE SCREW TURBINE Steamers

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Speed 21 KNOTS, Displacement 21,000 TONS.

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**"NIPPON MARU"**

INTERMEDIATE STEAMER.

Speed 18 KNOTS, Displacement 11,000 TONS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMER	CAPTAIN	DATE OF SAILING.
NIPPON MARU	A. G. Stevens	SATURDAY, 11th Jan., Noon.
TENYO MARU	E. Bent	FRIDAY, 17th Jan., at Noon.
SHINYO MARU	H. S. Smith	TUESDAY, 11th Feb., at Noon.
CHIYO MARU	W. W. Greene	TUESDAY, 11th Mar., at Noon.

THE S.S. "NIPPON MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via  
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on  
SATURDAY, the 11th January, at Noon.**SOUTH AMERICA LINE.**(In Connection with the NATIONAL RAILWAYS of MEXICO at MANZANILLO  
and the TEHUANTEPEC NATIONAL RAILWAY at SALINA CRUZ.)

The Only Regular Direct Service to MEXICAN, CHILIAN and PERUVIAN PORTS

The Steamers—

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Fly between HONGKONG and CORONEL via MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU,  
MANZANILLO, SALINA CRUZ, CALLAO, ARICA, IQUIQUE and VALPARAISO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMER	TONS	DATE OF SAILING.
KIYO MARU	17,500	SATURDAY, 1st Feb., at Noon.
BUYO MARU	10,500	THURSDAY, 5th April, at Noon.
HONGKONG MARU	11,000	WEDNESDAY, 4th June, at Noon.

ALL STEAMERS are equipped with JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WIRELESS  
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in the U.S.A. and Canada, also to the principal ports in Mexico,  
Central and South America.

For VICTORIA, B.C. and TACOMA via JAPAN PORTS.

Steamers	Captains	Leaves
"TACOMA MARU"	T. Hamada	THURSDAY, 26th Dec., at 2 P.M.
"PANAMA MARU"	J. Kanno	TUESDAY, 7th Jan., at 2 P.M.
"SEATTLE MARU"	T. Sato	THURSDAY, 23rd Jan., at 2 P.M.
"MEXICO MARU"	T. Kobayashi	WEDNESDAY, 31st Feb., at 2 P.M.
"CHICAGO MARU"	J. Goto	THURSDAY, 20th Feb., at 2 P.M.
"CANADA MARU"	K. Hori	WEDNESDAY, 5th Mar., at 2 P.M.

\* Calling at NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI and YOKOHAMA  
\* Calling at SHANGHAI, MOJI, " " " " " "  
\* Calling at KEELUNG.These Newly-Built Steamers have fair speed and are fitted with the Wireless Apparatus.  
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FORMOSA SERVICE.**

For FOOCHOW via SWATOW AND AMOY.

Steamer	Captain	Leave
"KAJO MARU"	Y. Yamamoto	WEDNESDAY, 1st Jan., at 10 A.M.

For TAMSUI via SWATOW AND AMOY.

Steamer	Captain	Leave
"DAIGI MARU"	Y. Somakawa	SUNDAY, 29th Dec., at 10 A.M.
"DAIJIN MARU"	T. Fuchigami	

For ANPING AND TAKAO via SWATOW AND AMOY.

Steamer	Captain	Leave
"SOSHU MARU"	K. Tashiro	WEDNESDAY, 25th Dec., at 8 A.M.

FOR CANTON.

Steamer	Captain	Leave
"SOSHU MARU"	K. Tashiro	

These Steamers of Coast and Formosa Line have Excellent accommodation for First  
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(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS AND DISPLACEMENT	TONS	SAILING PATHS
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGA- PORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUZ and PORT SAID	KAMO MARU Capt. F. L. Sommer,	16,000	{ WEDNESDAY, 1st Jan., at Daylight.
	AKI MARU Capt. B. Kon,	12,500	{ WEDNESDAY, 15th Jan., at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, and YOKOHAMA	AWA MARU Capt. R. Shimizu,	12,500	{ TUESDAY, 31st Dec., at Noon.
	SADO MARU Capt. Asakawa,	12,500	{ TUESDAY, 14th Jan., at Noon.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sokino,	7,000	{ WEDNESDAY, 15th Jan., at Noon.
	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi,	9,600	{ FRIDAY, 12th Feb., at Noon.
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE PENANG & RANGOON	COLOMBO MARU Capt. Kawashima,	6,000	{ SATURDAY, 26th Dec.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO	WAKASA MARU Capt. N. Nielsen,	12,000	{ MONDAY, 23rd Dec.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	KAGA MARU Capt. G. Tabusa,	12,500	{ THURSDAY, 2nd Jan., at 11 A.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE			
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi,	9,600	{ WEDNESDAY, 15th Jan., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	HAKATA MARU Capt. H. Nomura,	12,500	{ MONDAY, 23rd Dec.

\* Fitted with New System of Wireless Telegraphy.

\* Cargo only

**REDUCED RATES OF PASSAGE.**

HONGKONG to PACIFIC COAST points...	{ 1st Class £25 2nd Class £17
" " LONDON via NEW YORK	{ 1st Class £55 2nd Class £40
" " " via MONTREAL	{ 1st Class £54 2nd Class £37

Round-the-World, 1st Class throughout, via NEW YORK ... £102-  
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COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.  
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

STEAMERS	Leave HONGKONG	Connecting Steamers from Colombo to MARSEILLES & LONDON	Due MARSEILLES (Brindisi 2 days earlier)	Due PLYMOUTH (London 1 day later)
to COLOMBO				
Steamer	Tons	Steamer	Tons	
INDIA	8000	MOOLTAN	10000	SATURDAY Feb. 15
ASSAYE	7500	MALAJA	12500	FRIDAY Feb. 15
HIMALAYA	7000	MOREA	11000	Mar. 1
DEVANHA	8000	MARMOR	10500	Mar. 15
DELTA	8000	MEDINA	12500	Mar. 29
INDIA	8000	Through Steamer		April 12
ASSAYE	7500	MONGOLIA	10000	April 26
DEVANHA	8000	MALDONIA	10500	May 10
CHINA	8000	MALWA	11000	May 24
DELTA	8000	MOOLTAN	10000	June 7
				SATURDAY June 28

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO, and those for BRINDISI transfer also to  
the Express Mail Steamer at PORT SAID.Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in  
Hongkong at the time of Booking.FARES TO LONDON:  
1st SALOON £71.10 SINGLE, £106.14 RETURN.  
2nd " £48.8 " £72.12IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE MAIL STEAMERS  
INTERMEDIATE (NON-TRANSIT) STEAMERS WILL LEAVE FOR  
LONDON

CARRYING 1st and 2nd SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES

STEAMERS	Tons	Leave HONGKONG	Due MARSEILLES	Due LONDON
NOVARA	7000	January 22	February 23	March 5
SUNDA	7000	February 5	March 9	March 19
SARDINIA	7000	February 19	March 23	April 2
SOMALI	7000	March 5	April 6	April 16
WAMUR	7000	March 19	April 20	April 30
WANKIN	7000	April 2	May 4	May 14
NYANZA	7000	April 16	May 18	May 28
NOBE	7000	April 30	June 3	June 13
NILE	7000	May 14	June 17	June 27

These Steamers call also at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and at MARSEILLES &  
FARES TO LONDON:

1st SALOON £55.0 SINGLE, £82.10 RETURN.

2nd " £39.10 " £57.4

All Passenger Steamers are fitted with the Marconi System of Wireless Telegraphy.

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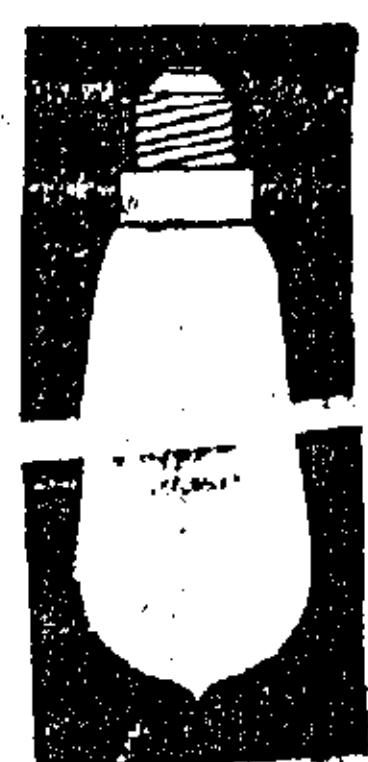
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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1912.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS HOLIDAYS.

The Post Office will be open on Christmas Day, on Thursday, the 26th inst. and on Wednesday, the 1st January, 1913, from 8 till 9 a.m. only. There will be one delivery of ordinary correspondence and one collection of letters each day as on Sundays.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

SIBERIAN MAILS.—Only a small portion of the Mails from London of the 29th and 30th November have been received.

The *Luton* is expected to arrive here to-morrow, with the American Mail ex *Mongolia*.

FOR	PER	DATE
Straits and Ceylon	Wakusa Maru	Monday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
Straits	Atsuta	Monday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Monday, 23rd, 1.15 P.M.
Sandakan	Mauang	Tuesday, 24th, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China	Kwangsing	Tuesday, 24th, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Amoy and Foochow	Hoyang	Monday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, North China and Dally	Koonahing	Monday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
(EUROPE VIA SIBERIA)		
Pakhoi and Haiphong	Singon	Tuesday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Straits and India via Calcutta	Namsang	Tuesday, 24th, 1.00 P.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 24th, 1.15 P.M.
Philippine Islands	Kuachow	Tuesday, 24th, 3.00 P.M.
Tsingtau, Weihaiwei and Chokeo	Kuachow	Tuesday, 24th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Samarang and Sourabaya	Kuachow	Tuesday, 24th, 4.00 P.M.
Swatow	Kuachow	Tuesday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Amoy	Sosku Maru	Tuesday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, ADELIADE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, and EUROPE VIA NAPLES	Lutou	Registration ... 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, North China, and Japan via Kobe	Tacoma Maru	Thursday, 26th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai and North China	Chenau	Thursday, 26th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow	Haiching	Thursday, 26th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China	Choyang	Friday, 27th, 11.00 A.M.
Philippine Islands	Zafiro	Friday, 27th, 3.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands, Yau, Maroon, Friedrich Wilhelmshafen, Samarai, Rabaul, Herbertshohe, Matupi, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Brisbane	Prins Waldemar	Saturday, 28th, 8.00 A.M.
Philippine Islands	Loongang	Saturday, 28th, 1.00 P.M.
SAIGON, STRAITS, CEYLON, ADELIADE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT and EUROPE VIA MARSEILLES	Ernest Simons	Saturday, 28th, 4.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China	Linan	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Monday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN VIA NAGASAKI, HONOLULU, CANADA, UNITED STATES AND SOUTH AMERICA VIA SAN FRANCISCO (EUROPE VIA SIBERIA)	Nils...	Registration ... 10.15 A.M.
Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Port Darwin	St. Albans	Saturday, 4th, 10.00 A.M.
STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, ADELIADE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, and EUROPE VIA BRINDISI (Late Letter 11.00 to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents).	Della	Saturday, 4th, 10.00 A.M.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel mail will be closed Friday, 3rd, January, at 5 p.m.	Yuensang	Saturday, 4th, 1.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands	Empress of India	Friday, 10th, 5.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN VIA NAGASAKI, UNITED STATES, SOUTH AMERICA AND CANADA VIA VANGUOVER (EUROPE VIA SIBERIA)	Fulata	Monday, 13th, 5.00 P.M.
Japan via Yokohama		

MONETARY LETTERS.—The Post Office declines all responsibility for unregistered letters containing bank notes or jewelry, and where Registration has been neglected WILL MAKE NO INQUIRY into alleged losses of such (Postal Guide 121).

6 Mails for CANTON, WUHOW and SAMBURI are closed on week-days at 7.30 a.m. and at 6 p.m.

7 Mails for MACAO closed on week-days at 7.15 a.m., and at 1.15 p.m. On Sundays the mail is closed at 8 a.m.

8 Mails for NANTAO, STABUS, KONGMOON and KAMOHUK are closed on week-days at 6 p.m. On Sundays the mails are closed at 9 a.m.

## COMMERCIAL.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 21st.

ON LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	2-3
Bank Bills, on demand	2-1
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	2-1
Bank Bills, at 60 days' sight	2-1
Bank Bills, at 90 days' sight	2-1
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	2-1
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	232
Credit, at 4 months' sight	257
ON GERMANY.—	
On demand	213
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	50
Credit, at 60 days' sight	51
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	154
Bank, on demand	154
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	154
Bank, on demand	154
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank, at sight	71
Private, 30 days' sight	72
ON YOKOHAMA.—	
On demand—Resco	101
ON MANILA.—	
On demand	88
ON SINGAPORE.—	
On demand	124
ON BATAVIA.—	
On demand	1
ON AMPHONG.—	
On demand	3
ON BANGKOK.—	
On demand	73
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$9.60
GOLD LEAF, 100 ms, per tola	\$50.40
BAP, 100 ms, per tola	29

## SUBSIDARY COINS.

Chinese	20 cents pieces	\$6.43 discount
Chinese	10 "	\$6.95 "
Hongkong	20 "	\$4.00 "
Hongkong	10 "	\$6.05 "

## MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

London	Due
December 5th	Shanghai
December 6th	December 21st.
	December 23rd.

## SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, 21ST DECEMBER, 1912.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
BANKS.—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$830, sal. & buy.
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	all	\$9, buyers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$5	all	\$2.85
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$9, buyers
CORPORATE MILES.—				
Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 121, buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	\$8, sal. & buy.
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7	all	\$21, sal. & buy.
DOCK AND WHARVES.—				
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$77, sellers
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$56, sales
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$64	all	\$63
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 514, buyers
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	35,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 103
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	all	\$44, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$25, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$115
Manila Metropole Hotel Limited	8,000	\$25	all	\$73
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	15,000	\$10	all	\$84
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	5,000	\$25	all	\$200
H'kong South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	\$19, buyers
INSURANCE.—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$270
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$143, buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	\$100
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$378, buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$25	\$5	Tls. 134, buyers
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$820, sellers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$50	\$192, @ Ex 73
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.—				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	\$105
Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$88, sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$30	\$56, buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 90
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all	\$57, buyers
Maatschappij tot Mijn. Bosch-en Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat	25,000	Gds. 10	all	Tls. 72
MINING.—				
Chinese Engineering and M. Co., Ltd.	1,000,000	\$1	all	35/-
Tonghai Mines, Limited	160,000	\$1	all	80/-, sellers
Haswood Tin and Rubber Estate, Ltd.	822,000	2/-	all	4/-
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	all	\$44, sales
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$1	\$1
Philippine Co., Limited	75,000	\$10	all	\$5
RAFFINERIES.—				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$105, sellers
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$34, sellers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	all	\$11, sal. & buy.
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$34, sal. & buy.
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$15	all	\$28, sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	50,000 def.	\$5	all	\$38 (28 10/-)
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,500,000	\$1	all	\$112/-
Star Ferry Company, Limited	30,000	\$10	all	\$35, sales
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	all	\$22
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	all	\$4, buyers
STOCKS AND DISPENSARIES.—				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$25
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	all	\$23, buyers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$24, buyers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	all	\$6, buyers
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	\$10	all	\$17, buyers
Gande, Price & Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$10	all	\$5
Societe des Pulpes et Papeteries du Tonkin	15,000	\$10	all	\$35, sellers
Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$10
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy.	\$10	\$4	\$99, sellers
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$300.
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	325,000	5/-	all	\$14, sellers
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Chinese Imperial 1886	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7% p. annum	Par.
VERNON & SYMTH, Share Brokers				

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.					
From 23rd to 29th December, 1912.					
HIGH WATER.			LOW WATER.		
Day of Month	Time.	Height.	Day of Month	Time.	Height.
Mon. 23	9 17	4.4	Mon. 23	2 15	1.4
Tues. 24	7 56	4.2	Tues. 24	0 45	1.3
Wed. 25	10 15	4.3	Wed. 25	2 58	1.6
Thurs. 26	8 40	4.5	Thurs. 26	3 41	1.8
Fri. 27	11 10	4.3	Fri. 27	1 51	1.5
Satur. 28	9 25	4.2	Satur. 28	4 25	0.1
Sund. 29	0 3	4.2	Sund. 29	2 32	3.8
	10 14	4.7		5 11	0.2
	11 26	4.3		3 18	3.5
	1 46	4.3		5 6	3.7
	2 38	4.5		6 14	3.8

TO-DAY  
3 P.M.—Auction of Crown Land below Kennedy Road, by Public Works Dept.

TO-NIGHT  
9.15 P.M.—Bijou Theatre.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.  
Wednesday, 25th Dec.—Christmas Day.  
Friday, 27th Dec.—9.15 P.M.—Ferry Hartman at Theatre Royal.  
Saturday, 28th Dec.—9.15 P.M.—Ferry Hartman at Theatre Royal.  
Monday, 30th Dec.—9.15 P.M.—Ferry Hartman at Theatre Royal.  
New Year Day.  
Tuesday, 1st Jan.—9.15 P.M.—Ferry Hartman at Theatre Royal.  
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